

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 537

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERR (Sponsor) AND HICKS (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 252.043, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to hunting accidents.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 252.043, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 252.043, to read as follows:

252.043. **1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section,** the commission may suspend, revoke or deny a hunting permit or privilege for a maximum of five years when a person, while hunting, inflicts injury by firearm or other weapon to another person who is mistaken for game.

**2. If any injury sustained under this section results in the death of the injured party, the commission may suspend, revoke, or deny any hunting permit or privilege of the person who inflicted the injury for a period of up to ten years.**

**3.** No suspension, revocation or denial shall occur until an opportunity has been afforded for a hearing before the commission. Any person who is determined by the commission to have inflicted injury by firearm or other weapon shall be required to successfully complete a department-approved hunter safety course before his or her hunting permit or privilege shall be restored. The commission's proceeding shall be a contested case pursuant to chapter 536 and any person aggrieved by a final decision shall be entitled to judicial review as provided in chapter 536.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.